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SUBJECT: (C) NO DECISION YET ON IRAQI ASSETS IN BAHAMAS BANK

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[B](#). SECSTATE 311703

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Frank C. Urbancic, Reasons
1.4(b) and (e)

[1](#). (C) The acting head of the Central Bank of Kuwait's Anti-Money Laundering Unit, Talal Alsayegh, told us November 22 and December 1 that its investigation of the \$85 million in Iraqi assets frozen in the Bahamas is not yet complete. Alsayegh said that the joint Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Central Bank investigatory team was still gathering information from some of the Kuwaiti banks involved. Although Alsayegh expects that the investigation will be completed soon, he did not give a specific deadline. He also noted that he has been in direct contact with OFAC on this matter. Post will continue to press the GOK for a timely decision.
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